

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please amend paragraph [0067] of the specification as follows:

In the arrangement depicted in **FIG. 3**, VGA **204** includes a first subset **316** of non-attenuated gain stages, including gain stages **302(1)-302(20)**. First subset gain stages **316** have substantially equal respective maximum gains. Amplifier array **204** also includes a second subset **320** of attenuated gain stages, including gain stages **302(21)-302(70)**. In an example arrangement, second subset gain stages **320** have progressively decreasing maximum gains in the direction **302(21)-302(70)**. In another example arrangement, VGA **204** includes a third subset of constant-attenuated gain stages, (not shown in **FIG. 3**) e.g., gain stages ~~**304(71)-304(90)**~~, added to the bottom of the structure depicted in **FIG. 3**. All of the third subset of gain stages have fixed, constant attenuation.

***Amendments to the Figures***

Applicants submit replacement FIG. 3. The replacement figure conforms to the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. An annotated sheet showing the modification to FIG. 3 in red is also attached.